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"Tag, You're It!" (Knuckles' Chaotix):
A friendly game of tag leads Espio to a discovery which could forever change Knuckles' life, and the lives of everyone he knows! Too bad Espio doesn't realize just what (or who) he has discovered!

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When an entire zone full of magic rings and Chaos Emeralds is discovered, Knuckles and Sonic race to get the treasures for themselves! Things heat up when Sonic turns into his super form and faces off against...Hyper Knuckles! The invincible warriors duke it out in a battle that could shatter worlds!

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"Mecha Madness" (Mecha Madness):
When Sonic is roboticized by Dr. Robotnik, he threatens to tear all of Knothole apart and give away its secret location! Has the true blue Freedom Fighter really betrayed his friends? And to what lengths will they go to stop their once-acclaimed hero? You won't believe your eyes when you read this epic story!

"Don't Let the Island Hit You On the Way Down" (Mecha Madness):
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"Knuckles' Quest, Part II" (Sonic Live!):
Following from "Sonic the Hedgehog" issue #42, Knuckles resumes his mission to find the mystical Sword of Acorns. He is on a sworn oath to locate the sword and save King Max, and nothing will stand in his way...nothing but giant dragons, one-eyed Devil Watchers, and vicious Blood Beasts!

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Tall trees. Lush fields of grass. Cool clear crystal streams of water. These are but a few of the elements that comprise the **Floating Island**, giving the impression of an unending paradise. As with everything in nature, however, there is a balance.

For every known quantity, there is the unknown. For every field of vegetation, there exists a patch of arid desert sand. For every explored territory, there lie uncharted regions. And for every friend, there exist the predators.

For ages, visitors have been few and far between. With the war now being waged below upon the surface of **Mobius**, between the forces of that evil despot **Dr. Ivo Robotnik** and the valiant **Sonic The Hedgehog** and his courageous band of **Freedom Fighters**, it was inevitable that the **Floating Island** would be drawn into the conflict.

...But as a haven to escape the harshness and cruelty of the war... or a beachhead used by one side to overcome the other?

THE FABLED *FLOATING ISLAND* OF *MOBIUS.*

A NICE PLACE TO VISIT.

OR AT LEAST IT *WOULD* BE...

...IF *TOURISM* WASN'T *FROWNED UPON* BY THE *NATIVES.*

GIVEN THEIR HOME'S STRATEGIC SIGNIFICANCE IN THE WAR BETWEEN *ROBOTNIK* AND THE *REBEL ALLIANCE,* THEY HAVE EVERY REASON TO BE *WARY* OF *STRANGERS.*

BESIDES...

KEEP OFF THE GRASS

NO DOGS ALLOWED

BATTERIES NOT INCLUDED

...THEY LIKE THEIR *PRIVACY.*

STILL, THAT'S NEVER DISCOURAGED CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS FROM STRIVING TO *EXPLOIT* THE LUSH TROPICAL PARADISE.

THERE IT IS!

WELC

AT LAST!

THOUGH TODAY, THE OUTLANDERS COME NOT TO *FIGHT*...

WELCOME

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...BUT TO *PAR-TAY!*

WOULD YOU *LOOK* AT THIS PLACE!

IT'S *FAN-TASTIC!*

GUESS OUR *INVITES* WERE ON THE LEVEL, TAILS!

EVERY *FREEDOM FIGHTER* WE'VE FOUGHT WITH IS *HERE...*

... EVEN *KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA!*

HALL of MIRRORS

SKIL

4 BALLS TEST YOUR SKILL!

TREATS

2

3

DON'T LUMP ME IN WITH YOUR *PALS*, SONIC -- *I'M* NO *FREEDOM FIGHTER!* THIS WASN'T *MY* IDEA!

BIG *SURPRISE*, KNOT-HEAD!

YOU HATE *COMPANY* EVEN MORE THAN *I* HATE *STOP SIGNS!*

BUT IF *YOU* DIDN'T INVITE US...

...THEN *WHO*--?

ALLOW ME TO *INTRODUCE* MYSELF-- *RENFIELD T. RODENT'S* THE NAME...

BUMP!

...AND *FAMILY FUN'S* THE GAME!

THIS PARK WAS *DESIGNED* WITH YOUR *AMUSEMENT* IN MIND!

SO BE MY GUEST!

BE MY *GUEST!*

BE MY GUEST!

...AND I WON'T TAKE "NO" FOR AN ANSWER!

BUT PERHAPS YOU'D CARE TO *FRESHEN UP* A BIT FIRST!

MIGHT I SUGGEST OUR *HALL OF MIRRORS?*

HALL of MIRRO

IT'S A *FUN* HOUSE...

...AND THE *FIRST* RIDE'S ALWAYS *FREE!*

WELL-- SINCE YOU PUT IT *THAT* WAY...

...WHAT HAVE WE GOT TO *LOSE?*

HEH--HEH--HEH! IT'S *TRUE* WHAT THEY SAY...

"...THERE'S A *SUCKER* BORN EVERY *MINUTE!*"

OH, MY!

THIS *CAN'T* BE RIGHT!

LOOKS GOOD TO ME!

AWESOME!

ZUT ALORS-- MY INNAIRE SELF *UNVEILED!*

THERE'S SOMETHING *WRONG* HERE...

...BUT I CAN'T QUITE PUT MY *FINGER* ON--

HEY!

TURN OFF THAT LIGHT!

FZUUUM...

PHOOOMPH!

THAT'S *BETTER!*

DON'T CARE *WHAT* RENFIELD SAYS, THIS PLACE ISN'T...

...MUCH...

...FUN?

THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS--*TRAPPED* INSIDE THOSE *MIRRORS!*

BUT *HOW?*

WHO--?

WHO?

YOU *DISAPPOINT* ME, ECHIDNA.

SURELY, YOU HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN YOUR OLD FRIEND..."

DOCTOR IVO ROBOTNIK!!

SO YOU'RE *BEHIND* THIS!

BOTH *LITERALLY* AND *FIGURATIVELY*... WITH *AID* FROM *RENFIELD* THE *RODENT!*

HIS "AMUSEMENT PARK" WAS THE IDEAL BAIT WITH WHICH TO LURE THE *FREEDOM FIGHTERS* INTO A "TOURIST TRAP"!

SOME CAREFULLY DISTRIBUTED *INVITATIONS*...

"... A FEW ONE-WAY TRIPS THROUGH THE *HALLS OF MIRRORS*...

"...AND MY ENEMIES ARE BUT PALE *SHADOWS* OF THEIR FORMER SELVES!

"AT LAST, *MOBIUS* IS *MINE!*"

AREN'T YOU *FORGETTING* SOMETHING, PORK-FACE?

I'M STILL *KICKING*...

...AND I'M GONNA *START* WITH YOUR BU-- UUNGHH!

WHAM!

FOOLISH ANTEATER! THE *ENERGIES* I'VE RELEASED HAVE *TRANSFORMED* YOUR BODY!

A NIP *HERE*-- A TUCK *THERE*...

...AND YOUR NATURAL ABILITIES BECOME *NULL* AND *VOID!*

I COULD HAVE TRANSPORTED YOU TO ANOTHER *DIMENSION* OF *REALITY*, ALONG WITH THE *OTHERS*...

...BUT WITHOUT *WITNESSES*, *TRIUMPH* LOSES ITS *LUSTER!*

AND WE CAN'T HAVE *THAT* -- NOW *CAN* WE?

MIRRORS

HAHAHA HAHAHA HAHAHA

END OF PART I

THE CHAOS EFFECT

PART 2

ALWAYS SAID, "I WANT TO BE ALONE"...

...BUT THIS IS RIDICULOUS!

ROBOTNIK'S CAPTURED THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS...

...AND LEFT ME HOLDING THE BAG!

'COURSE, WITHOUT MY SPECIAL POWERS AND ABILITIES, I'VE GOT PLENTY OF NOTHING!

EVEN MY SHARP KNUCKLES ARE GONE!

NO KNUCKLES... SHORTER LOCKS... AND NO LUCK!

JUST 'CAUSE I'M GUARDIAN OF THE FLOATING ISLAND DOESN'T MEAN I ALWAYS KNOW WHAT TO DO, OR WHERE TO --

--GO?

ZIP!

A HONEY BEE?

NO...

...A CHARMY BEE!

YOU'VE GOT 20/20 *HINDSIGHT*, FRIEND!

BUT IT'S BEST TO LOOK *FORWARD*...

INSTEAD OF *BACK*!

NOT THAT I MIND YOUR *COMPANY*... BUT WHY WEREN'T YOU AT THE *PARK*, LIKE EVERYONE ELSE?

BECAUSE I'M *NOT* "EVERYONE"-- *THAT'S* WHY!

PLACES TO *GO*... PEOPLE TO *SEE*... *POLLEN* TO *GATHER*...

...KIND'A LIKE *ME*!

EXCEPT FOR THE "*POLLEN*" PART...

...STUFF MAKES MY *NOSE* TWITCH!

WELL, I'LL BE-- A *CHAMELEON*!

NO-- HE *BEE*...

YOU *ECHIONA*...

...I'M THE *CHAMELEON*!

AND A *NAUGHTY* ONE, ESPIO--*EAVESDROPPING* ON *PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS*!

OH, CUT ME SOME SLACK, CHARMY!

I WAS JUST *HANGIN' OUT*, SAME AS *YOU* WHEN I HEARD--

WHAT WAS THAT?!

I'M NOT *SURE*...

IT *CAME* FROM OVER *THERE*...

KER-RAAAAKT!

...AND IT'S COMING RIGHT *AT* US!

B-DUM! B-DUM! B-DUM!

YO!

HEY, WHAT'S *HAPPENIN'*, DUDE!

I'M THE *REP* WITH THE *'RAP* FOR BEIN' *RUDE*!

WHEN IT COMES TO A FIGHT I'M NO *DEFECTOR*...

DON'T *NOBODY* MESS WITH A *CROC* NAMED *VECTOR*!

HEY--GIMME MY *'PHONES*, BONES!

SNATCH!

DON'T YA DIG MY WAY COOL *TONES*?!

OH, WE *HEARD* YOUR "*CROCODILE ROCK*"! COULDN'T *YOU* HEAR *US*?

NO...

...BUT I *F-FEEL* THAT...

...IN *3-D THX-SENSURROUND!*

RRRUMMBLL

THROOM!

HELLO.

DID I *MISS* ANYTHING?

ONLY THE "*DETOUR*" SIGN, BIG GUY!

MAN, YOU ARE ONE *MIGHTY* ARMADILLO-- *BLASTIN'* THROUGH THAT *MOUNTAIN!*

HEH.

TOOK TH' *THROUGH-WAY!*

TOUGH *GOIN'*... BUT IT'S *SHORTER!*

'SIDES, I HAD SOME *HELP!*

HOW DID--?

LOOK OUT...

...THE *HILLS HAVE EYES!*

GET BACK-- ROBOTS!

ROBOTS--?

OH, THEY'RE OKAY-- THESE ARE FRIENDS OF MINE!

MEET HEAVY ...AND BOMB!

SALUTATIONS!

PING!

"BOMB AND I WERE ROBOTNIK'S PRIDE AND JOY--MECHANICAL MECHANICS, DESIGNED TO SEEK OUT AND REPAIR DAMAGED SYSTEMS AUTOMATICALLY.

"BUT HE BUILT US TOO WELL... THE POWER GEMS WHICH ALLOWED FOR INDEPENDENT ACTION GRANTED US BOTH CONSCIOUSNESS...

"...AND CONSCIENCES!

"ONCE WE OVERHEARD ROBOTNIK'S PLAN TO IMPRISON THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS WITH HIS FUN HOUSE MIRRORS, OUR COURSE WAS CLEAR...

"...WE ESCAPED FROM ROBOTROPOLIS...

"...AND MADE OUR WAY HERE!"

THAT'S A NICE PIECE OF *PULP FICTION*, METAL-HEAD...

...BUT WHY SHOULD WE *TRUST* YOU?

FOLLOW US...

"...AND YOU'LL SEE FOR YOURSELVES!"

WHEN BOMB AND I LEFT THE DOCTOR'S ASSEMBLY LINE...

...WE DIDN'T LEAVE EMPTY-HANDED!

THESE ARE POWER GEMS-- THE VERY THINGS ROBOTNIK USED TO ENERGIZE HIS MIRRORS, BOMB, AND MYSELF...

...ALONG WITH A CACHE OF EXPERIMENTAL WEAPONS!

PING! PING! PING!

THEY SHOULD PROVE INVALUABLE TO YOUR CAUSE!

GOT *THAT* RIGHT, HEAVY!

WITH *THESE* LITTLE BEAUTIES...

...WE CAN SEND ROBO'S WORLD *SPINNING* INTO *TOTAL CHAOS!*

END OF PART II

Robotnik Rules!

THE CHAOS EFFECT

PART 3

BRILLIANCE! SHEER BRILLIANCE!

WITH *ONE* BOLD STROKE, THE *FREEDOM FIGHTERS* HAVE BEEN *ERASED*...

...TO BE *REPLACED* BY MY *NEW WORLD ORDER!*

NICE *WORK*, DOC! NOW YOU *SEE* 'EM...

...NOW YOU *DON'T!*

QUITE *SO*, RENFIELD!

WITH THOSE PERPETUAL THORNS *REMOVED* FROM MY SIDE, NOTHING COULD POSSIBLY...

...GO...

...*WRONG?*

ALERT

EEOOEEOOEEC

INCONCEIVABLE!

THE *RIDES* HAVE BEEN *REACTIVATED-- SIMULTANEOUSLY!*

BUT *HOW--* AND BY *WHOM?*

PROBABLY THAT PESKY *ECHIDNA! I KNEW* IT WAS A MISTAKE TO--

YOU BLITHERING *IDIOT!*

DON'T YOU COMPREHEND THE *SIGNIFICANCE* OF THESE EVENTS?

EACH OF THOSE RIDES IS ACTIVATED BY A *SEPARATE SWITCH!*

WHICH MEANS...

...HE MUST HAVE GOTTEN *HELP!*

I HADN'T *ALLOWED* FOR THIS CONTINGENCY...

--BUT I'M NOT *COMPLETELY* UNPREPARED!

F-TAP!

FZUUUUM....

MY *MATERIAL TRANSPORT SYSTEM* SHALL SUMMON A *COUNTER-FORCE* FROM ROBOTROPOLIS!

AND...

...SINCE *REFLECTION* IS THE *ORDER* OF THE *DAY*...

...WHAT *BETTER* WEAPON THAN A DARK *MIRROR-IMAGE* OF MY GREATEST FOE?

BEHOLD...

...MECHA-SONIC!*

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I LIVE TO SERVE-- I SERVE TO LIVE!

WHAT ARE YOUR ORDERS, LORD ROBOTNIK?

A NEW FACTION OF "FREEDOM FIGHTERS" HAS ARISEN...

...UNDOUBTEDLY *ORGANIZED* BY *KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA!*

GO NOW-- *FORTIFIED* BY YOUR RECENT *UPGRADES*...

FA-SHOOM!

"...AND *DESTROY* THEM!"

NUTS!

THOUGHT ALL THAT JAZZ MIGHT *DISTRACT* ROBOTNIK *LONG* ENOUGH FOR US TO *REACH* THE *HALL OF MIRRORS*...

...BUT *INSTEAD* HE'S CALLED IN THE *CAVALRY!*

OUTSTANDING!

"YOU'LL BELIEVE A *HEDGEHOG* CAN *FLY!*"

NOT FOR *LONG*, VECTOR...

...'CAUSE WE'RE GONNA TAKE THAT CLOCKWORK WIND-UP KNOCK-OFF *DOWN* AND *OUT!*

CHARGE!

ENEMY SIGHTED-- ATTACK FORTHCOMING!

TARGETING SYSTEMS ON-LINE!

HEY, *BLUE-BOY*...

--WHY DON'T YOU PICK ON SOMEONE YOUR *OWN* SIZE?

KLIK! Whrrr...

AS YOU WISH.

'COURSE, THAT *COULD* PROVE *PROBLEMATIC*...

WHOOSH!

KE-RAASH!

SEGA WANTS YOU!

...WHEN YOUR *ENEMY*...

...CAN *HIDE* IN *PLAIN SIGHT!*

POIT!

WEAPON'S LOCK HAS BEEN LOST.

SWITCHING TO INFRA-RED.

OH, YOU'LL BE SEEING *"RED"* ALL RIGHT...

...ONCE WE'RE *FINISHED* WITH --

UHNF!

HOSTILE IDENTIFIED AS KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA...

SNAG!

...RECENTLY DE-POWERED BY DOCTOR IVO ROBOTNIK.

IGNORE...

...IN FAVOR OF UNKNOWN ENTITY!

SWOOOOSH!

BIG -- *BIG* MISTAKE!

THINK YOU'VE *GOT* ME BY THE *END* OF MY *TETHER*?

WELL...

PHOOMPH!

...THINK AGAIN!

SCHWIIIING!

WARNING!

RELATIVE COORDINATES HAVE BEEN TRANSPOSED!

WHICH MEANS...

...YOU'RE THE ONE CRUISIN' FOR A BRUISIN'!

HEY, MECHA SONIC...

...HOW'D YOU LIKE A NICE TROPICAL PUNCH?

POW!

THROOM!

THROOM!

KLIK!

Whrrrr...

PING PING PING

KA-BOOM!

GOOD RIDDANCE TO BAD RUBBISH!

OUCH!

ONLY TO MECHA SONIC!

ISN'T THAT *PAINFUL*?

BOMB HAS A *KNACK* FOR PULLING HIMSELF *TOGETHER* AFTER A *CRISIS*!

THEN HE WON'T BE *"TOGETHER"* ANYTIME SOON...

rrrrrrRRRUMBLE

...SINCE WE HAVE A *GROWING PROBLEM* ON OUR HANDS!

SOMETHING *NEW* HAS BEEN *ADDED* TO THE MECHANOID'S *ENERGY MATRIX*...

"GROWING" --AND *GLOWING*!

LOOK AT TH' *SIZE* OF HIM!

WE'RE IN DEEP, DEEP *TROUBLE*!

...A *POWER GEM*!

JUST WHAT I *NEED*!

'CAUSE THE *BIGGER* THEY *ARE*...

...THE HARDER I HIT!

KRA-KOOM!

O' BITTER *IRONY!*

THE *POWER GEM* ENABLED THAT MEDDLESOME *ECHIDNA* TO ATTAIN *AMAZING COLOSSAL SIZE!*

IS THAT *BAD?*

"IS THAT *BAD?*"

GIVEN THE VOLATILE NATURE OF THE *ENERGIES* UNLEASHED...

...SHOULD THIS *WAR OF THE GARGANTUAS* SPILL OVER INTO MY *HALL OF MIRRORS...*

...THE *RESULTS...*

HALL of MIRR

MIRRORS

KER-RRAAAASH!

"...COULD PROVE *SHATTERING!*"

WE'RE *FREE!*

BREAKING THOSE *MIRRORS* MUST'VE SOMEHOW *REVERSED* THAT EARLIER *ENERGY EFFECT!*

I CAN FEEL THAT MY POWERS AND ABILITIES ARE *BACK!*

...AND I KNOW *JUST* WHAT TO *DO* WITH 'EM!

DANGER-- DANGER...

...THIS ...DOES ...NOT...

KRA-KOOM!

...COMPUTE...

TSK-TSK!

BROKEN MIRRORS JUST CAUSED 148,995 *YEARS* OF *BAD LUCK...*

FSSSSS

"...ALL FOR *ROBOTNIK!*"

GET *ROBOTNIK!*

GET THE *RODENT!*

SO MUCH FOR "*SATISFIED CUSTOMERS*"!

WHERE TO *NOW*, BOSS?

MOON ROCKET RIDE

BANG! ZOOM! TO THE MOON!

"*WE*" AREN'T GOING *ANYWHERE*, YOU *WRETCHED RODENT!*

BOOT!

AWWP!

THIS RIDE...

...IS A SINGLE-SEATER!

YEE-HAH!

FIRST TIME A SHIP'S EVER ABANDONED A SINKING RAT!

PUFF PUFF

THERE'S THE MAIN GATE UP AHEAD...

WEE!

...ONCE I'M OUTSIDE, I SHOULD BE HOME...

SHOOOOOM!

THOOM!

MOON ROCKET BANG! ZOOM! TO THE MOON!

:SOB:

...FREE?

NO-- CAUGHT...

...LIKE A RAT IN A TRAP!

IT'S A WRAP!

SNAP!

LATER...

TAKE 'IM AWAY, BOYS!

WHAT A *MESS!*

WELL, AT LEAST *SOMETHING* GOOD CAME OUT OF IT, KNUCKLES!

YOU *FOUND* A FEW *NEW FRIENDS...*

...AND THE *MAKINGS* OF YOUR VERY OWN *SUPER-TEAM!*

US--A *TEAM?*

NO WAY--I AIN'T JOININ' NO *CIRCUS!*

...OR A *FREAK* SHOW!

WHAT *HE* SAID!

LIFE IS CHAOTIC *ENOUGH* WITHOUT US CONSTANTLY BUMPING *ELBOWS!*

PING! PING! PING!

SATISFIED, SMARTY?

I SUPPOSE.

STILL, I CAN'T SHAKE THE *FEELING* WE HAVEN'T SEEN THE LAST OF...

THE CHAOTIX™

WANT TO SEE *MORE* OF *KNUCKLES* AND THE *CHAOTIX*? *WRITE* AND LET US KNOW!

The END

THE CHAOTIX™

HEADS UP, MIGHTY!

TAG! YOU'RE "IT!"

BOINK!

WHA--?

WELL, HAVE YOU ANYTHING *BETTER* TO DO RIGHT *NOW*?

OH, NOT *ANOTHER* ONE OF YOUR *GAMES*, CHARMY!

COME TO *THINK* OF IT-- NOT REALLY!

READY OR NOT, GANG--*HERE* I COME!

I KNEW HE'D BE *EASY* TO GET *STARTED!*

NOW TO SEE IF THE *OTHERS* WANT TO *PLAY* AS WELL!

HEY, *VECTOR!* WATCH OUT FOR *MIGHTY!*

WHY? BAD HAIR DAY?

NO! HE'S *JUST* PLAYING "*TAG*"!

LOOK OUT!

WHAM!

AND *YOU'RE* "*IT*"!

SLAM.

MMUUUMMPPHHH!

WAITAMINUTE! NO FAIR! NO FAIR!

WHAT KIND OF *WARNING* WAS *THAT?!!*

SINCE *WHEN* DID THE RULES SAY YOU *NEED* TO WARN SOMEBODY?

SINCE RIGHT *NOW!*

NOW *HOLD* STILL, YOU--

AHH-AHH! STICKS AND STONES, VECTOR! *STICKS* AND *STONES!*

EASY FOR *YOU* TO SAY, *DUDE!*

SO IF THE *FIRST* TARGET ISN'T EASY, THERE'S *ALWAYS* ANOTHER *PIGEON!*

RIGHT, MIGHTY?

NOT IF YOU CAN'T *GET* TO *ME,* VECTOR!

OH *YEAH?* YOU'RE TALKIN' TO THE *MASTER* OF *SMOOTH* MOVES!

SNAP!

YOUR MOVES MAY BE *SMOOTH* AND *SLICK--*

--BUT I'LL *MATCH* MY *STRENGTH* AGAINST THEM EVERY TIME!

KER-RAACK!

TIM-BEEERRRR!

THAT *CRAZY* ARMADILLO!

THIS COOL CROC KNOWS WHEN TO HIP-HOP!

KRASH!

OW!

GET OFF OF ME, YOU BIG OAF!

SOMETHING ISN'T COOL HERE!

WHUMP!

I'M HEARING VOICES!

SHADES OF POLTERGEIST CITY!

VECTOR, YOU NUMB-SKULL!

IT'S ME-- ESPIO!

WELL, WHAT ARE YOU DOING HIDING THERE?

I WAS SLEEPING--

--UNTIL I WAS SO RUDELY AWAKENED!

EX-CUUUUUSE ME! HOW WAS I SUPPOSED TO KNOW?

OH, BY THE WAY--

--"TAG"! YOU'RE IT!

HUH? AWWW, NO!

THAT'S WHAT I GET FOR *NOT* PAYING *ATTENTION!*

COME BACK *HERE*, VECTOR!

TRRRS[illegible]CH!

DON'T BE SUCH A--

--JERK?! *HELLO! WHO ARE YOU?*

YOU MUST BE ***NEW*** AROUND HERE! I *HAVEN'T* SEEN YOU *BEFORE!*

YA GOT *THAT* RIGHT, MATE!

AND IF I HADN'T BEEN *CONCENTRATING* ON SOMETHIN' ELSE, YA STILL *WOULDN'T* EITHER!

G'DAY!

POP!

WELL, I'LL BE--

--A *MONKEY'S UNCLE?*

"TAG"! YOU'RE *IT!*

I'M NOT SURE! HOWEVER--

YEAH?

WHAT *HAPPENED?* WE THOUGHT YOU *HURT* YOURSELF *JUMPING* INTO THESE BUSHES!

WHO WAS THAT STRANGER? READ SONIC'S COMIC TO FIND OUT!

--AND THE GAME GOES ON!

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THE HUNT IS ON!

KNUCKLES!! LONG TIME NO SEE, MY MAN!

WHY'RE YOU SO CRANKED?!!

THERE'S NO TIME TO EXPLAIN!!!

GET DOWN!! GET DOWN NOW!!

I'VE GOT A BAAAD FEELING, CHARMY!!

WHEEEEEEEEEEE

YOU HAVE TO ADMIT, THINGS HAVE REALLY GOTTEN CRAZY AROUND HERE LATELY, MIGHTY!

KA-THOOOM! KA-THOOOM!

WHUMP! BA-DUMP!

EVERYBODY ALL RIGHT?!! SING OUT, YOU HEROES!!

WHAT'S GOING ON HERE, KNUCKLES?

ALL OF A *SUDDEN*, WE'RE IN THE MIDDLE OF A *WAR ZONE!*

WE'RE UNDER *ATTACK!* HOWEVER--

IS IT THAT JERK *ROBOTNIK?* THAT GUY *NEVER* GIVES UP!

THAT'S WHAT I'M *NOT* SURE OF!

THERE'S A *NEW* PLAYER IN TOWN-- CALLS HIMSELF *ARCHIMEDES!*

AND?

IT'S NOT *CLEAR* IF HE'S A FRIEND OR FOE! SO FAR--

VECTOR!!

VECTOR!

HOW BAD ARE YOU HURT?

ONLY MY PRIDE, KNUCKLES!

THAT LAST STEP WAS A KILLER!

HANG ON! WE'LL HAVE YOU OUT IN NO TIME, VECTOR!

SOUNDS O.K.! I CAN CHILL FOR AWHILE!

WHAT WE NEED IS A ROPE OR A STRONG VINE TO HAUL HIM OUT!

WAITAMINUTE!

YOU GUYS HEAR SOMETHING?

SOME SORT OF WHISTLING SOUND?

YEAH! THAT'S IT!

YOU MEAN--

BOK!

-- THOSE WHACHAMACALLEMS?!!

NICELY PUT, MIGHTY!

ANYBODY EVER TELL YOU WHAT A COMMAND OF THE LANGUAGE YOU HAVE?

THEY'RE GAINING ON US!!

ON MY MARK, EVERYONE--

DUCK!!

KA-THOOOOM!

KA-THOOOOM!

KA-THOOOOM!

CHARMY!

WHERE ARE YOU, LITTLE FELLER?

UHHH...

THAT'S *HIM!*

MAYBE! MAYBE *NOT!*

HUH? *WHAT* DO YOU MEAN? HE'S RIGHT HERE! *SEE?*

YEAH! BUT I HAVEN'T SEEN *ESPIO* THE LAST FEW MINUTES *EITHER!*

ESPIO?!! WHERE? I HAVEN'T SEEN HIM AT ALL!

JUST BECAUSE YOU DIDN'T *SEE* HIM DIDN'T MEAN HE *WASN'T* NEARBY!

NO USE REMAINING IN *STEALTH MODE* NOW!

HOW LONG HAVE YOU KNOWN I WAS HERE, KNUCKLES?

EARLIER, I WAS RUNNING TO WARN THE OTHERS OF THE ONCOMING BARRAGE AND I *SAW* YOU FOLLOWING!

*WHAT?! HOW?!** YOU MUST BE EATING A LOT OF *CARROTS* THESE DAYS!

I *DON'T* EAT-- CARROTS!

HOW'S *CHARMY*, MIGHTY?

*HOW INDEED?! FOR THE ANSWER, KEEP READING KNUCKLES SOLO ADVENTURES! -ED.

HE'LL PULL THROUGH!
HE *JUST* NEEDS SOME *REST!*
ANYBODY ELSE SEE THAT BRICK WALL?
WELL--
MUCH AS I *HATE* TO, WE'LL JUST *LEAVE* HIM TO SLEEP IT OFF!
WE'VE GOT *BIGGER* PROBLEMS ON OUR HANDS RIGHT NOW!
I *DON'T* UNDERSTAND, KNUCKLES! WHAT *EXACTLY* IS GOING ON HERE?
WE'RE UNDER *ATTACK*--BY SOME UNSEEN *ENEMY*, PLAIN AND SIMPLE!
MY GUT INSTINCT SAYS IT'S THIS ROBOTNIK JERK WHO'S BEEN *TRYING* SEVERAL TIMES TO NAB THE *CHAOS EMERALD!*
BUT *LATELY*, THINGS HAVEN'T BEEN QUITE WHAT THEY *SEEM!*
THERE'S SOMEONE *ELSE* ON THE FLOATING ISLAND, AND I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO FIGURE OUT WHAT HIS *ANGLE* IS!
CLICK-WHARR-GRIND--
AND-YOU-MAY-NOT-GET-THE-CHANCE-TO-EITHER!
MIGHTY!

FINALLY! AFTER ALL THIS TIME!

A CHALLENGE *WORTHY* OF MY *MATCHLESS* STRENGTH!

KA-BAM!

YOU-ARE-EITHER-VERY-CONFIDENT OR-VERY-FOOLISH!

WE-SHALL-FIND-OUT-WHICH!

KNUCKLES! SHALL WE--?

NO! LET 'EM *DUKE* IT OUT!

KER-POW!

WHAM!

AS LONG AS WE STAY *STILL* WE'RE *SITTING DUCKS* FOR WHOEVER'S TARGETING *US*!

HOWEVER, IF WE KEEP *GOING*--

I'LL SAY THIS FOR YOU--

YOU'RE ONE TOUGH SONOFAGUN!

UNGH...

YOU-ARE-NOT-SO-EASY-ON-THE-SERVO-MOTORS-EITHER-Click-Whrrrr--

--WE AT LEAST HAVE A FIGHTING CHANCE TO DISCOVER *WHAT'S* GOING ON!

SOMEHOW I JUST KNOW--

--THAT THIS *ARCHIMEDES*-- WHOEVER, *WHATEVER* THIS CHARACTER IS--

--IS HIP *DEEP* IN THIS *MESS!*

MMMM MMMMM MMMMPH*-!

QUIET, ESPIO!

I THINK *OUR* TARGET ISN'T FAR!

ESPIO? *ESPIO?!!!*

THIS IS JUST *GREAT!*

WHAT AM I GONNA DO *NOW?*

AH, *KNUCKLES!* YOU STILL *DIDN'T* THINK!

WHA--?

YOU *COULD'VE* GOTTEN THROUGH THIS A WHOLE LOT *EASIER* IF YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS STUCK *TOGETHER!*

BUT YOU THOUGHT THE *OBJECTIVE* WAS MORE *IMPORTANT!*

I *KNOW* WHAT'S GOING ON!

THE QUESTION BEFORE YOU IS--

WHICH IS *MORE* IMPORTANT? YOUR *FRIENDS?* OR THE *THREAT* TO THE *FLOATING ISLAND?*

FACED WITH A CHOICE OF SACRIFICING HIS FRIENDS OR HIS HOMEWORLD, KNUCKLES PONDERS OVER HIS AGONIZING DECISION! THE ANSWER TO THAT AND MANY OTHER QUESTIONS AWAIT YOU IN THE PAGES OF SONIC THE HEDGEHOG

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HERE COMES THE EXPRESS!

NO WAY!

CRASH OF THE TITANS

I'M AFRAID SO... HE'S WALKING ALONG THE OUTER EDGE OF THE *GREAT FOREST!*

BUT HE NEVER LEAVES HIS *FLOATING ISLAND* HOME!

THAT'S WHERE WE TANGLED LAST!*

I MET HIS GREAT GRAND-FATHER!**

*IN SONIC TRIPLE TROUBLE -ED.

**IN THE RECENTLY COMPLETED TAILS MINI-SERIES-- *Mini* EDITOR

GRRRR... THAT DREADLOCKER MAKES MY SPINES TINGLE! HE'S UP TO NO GOOD!

I'LL SHOW YOU EXACTLY WHAT HE'S UP TO...

...THE BORDER OF *ROBOTROPOLIS!*

THE RED SKUNK IS GONNA CUT A DEAL WITH ROBOTNIK!

WE DON'T KNOW THAT, SONIC! I WANT YOU TO GO TALK TO HIM...DID YOU HEAR?

TALK!

SKREEET...

GOTCHA, SALLY...

:sigh: YEAH, RIGHT... WHAT DO THE ODDS MAKERS SAY?

FOUR TO ONE THEY'RE IN A FIGHT BY PAGE SIX!

MEANWHILE...

PHEW! WHAT A DISGUSTING MESS! THESE LANDLUBBERS ARE LIVING PROOF THAT ECHIDNA SOCIETY WAS RIGHT TO ABANDON TECHNOLOGY AND REVERT TO BEING ENVIRONMENT-FRIENDLY!*

*WHAT IS KNUX REFERRING TO? STAY TUNED FOR SOLO KNUCKLES STORIES IN SONIC
--EDITOR

"IN FACT, THAT'S THE VERY REASON I'M HERE... JUST AS I WAS SAYING TO *MIGHTY THE ARMADILLO*," ONE OF THE *CHAOTIX*..."

I SAW IT HAPPEN! A CHAOS EMERALD BROKEN IN HALF!*

BUT ISN'T THAT IMPOSSIBLE?

*IN THE AFOREMENTIONED *TRIPLE TROUBLE*
--EDITOR

FROM WHAT YOU'VE TOLD ME ABOUT THEM, THOSE GEMSTONES ARE THE *ULTIMATE ENERGY SOURCE!*

I WAS THERE, MIGHTY! IT *CAN* HAPPEN...ONLY I WON'T LET IT HAPPEN HERE!

LONG AGO, WHEN MY ANCESTORS RAISED THIS FLOATING ISLAND INTO THE SKY *...

...IT WAS POWERED BY A *DOZEN* CHAOS EMERALDS... BUT NOT ANYMORE!

*DESCRIBED BY KNUCKLES' GREAT GRANDFATHER ATHAIR IN ISSUE #3 OF TAILS' MINI-SERIES -ED.

"NOW THERE'S ONLY *ONE* GREEN GEM IN THE CENTRAL CHAMBER -- AND THAT WORRIES ME!"

I'M THE *GUARDIAN* OF THIS ISLAND! IF THAT LAST EMERALD FAILS, IT COULD SPELL DOOM FOR EVERYONE!

HOW WOULD YOU GET ANOTHER ONE?

A GOOD QUESTION... PERHAPS THE ANSWER LIES IN HERE!

FLIP!

=gasp!= THE BOOK OF MYTHS!*

*MENTIONED BY KNUCKLES BACK IN "TRIPLE TROUBLE SPECIAL --EDITOR

HERE WE ARE..."*CHAOS EMERALDS* ARE MYSTICALLY LINKED TO THE *MAGIC RINGS* FOUND INSIDE *ZONES*!* HOWEVER, LEGENDS SPEAK OF ONE OTHER LOCATION WHERE THEY CAN BE FOUND...

...THE LAKE OF RINGS!

IT IS SAID THE PASTORAL POND CAN SUDDENLY GIVE OFF A GOLDEN GLOW--

--AND A MAGIC RING BREAKS THE SURFACE!

SOME SAY THE RINGS ARE A BY-PRODUCT OF THE EMERALDS... OTHERS SAY IT IS THE OTHER WAY AROUND!

*THE SAME ZONES YOU ENTER WHEN YOU PLAY SEGA'S SONIC VIDEO GAMES--
-EDITOR

LOOK HERE..." THE RING RADIATES COSMIC ENERGY... BUT THE LAKE'S LOCATION IS LOST TO HISTORY!

MAYBE NOT-- THE KEY WORD IS "*RADIATES*"!

YOU KNOW THAT SONIC THE HEDGEHOG BATTLES A VILLAIN CALLED *ROBOTNIK* WHO LIVES IN A *RADIOACTIVE* CITY CALLED *ROBOTROPOLIS*!

SO?

Thmf!

SO, WHAT IF THE SOURCE OF THE RADIATION ISN'T POLLUTION? MAYBE THE *LAKE OF RINGS* IS NEARBY! AND WHERE THERE'S *RINGS*, THERE COULD BE *CHAOS EMERALDS*!!!

I GOTTA KNOW! MIND THE ISLAND FOR ME, MIGHTY!

DON'T WORRY! MY MATCHLESS STRENGTH WILL KEEP IT SAFE!

--AND WITH THAT, I TOOK OFF... GLIDING DOWN HERE ON MY DREADLOCKS!

BUT I DON'T SEE ANY MYSTICAL LAKE...

...JUST THIS LITTLE GROTTY GROTTO ON THE EDGE OF ROBOTROPOLIS...

HELLO-- WHAT'S THAT?

HMM... SOMEBODY THOUGHT THIS PUDDLE WAS IMPORTANT ENOUGH TO MONITOR!

ALTHOUGH THIS EQUIPMENT IS LONG PAST USELESS!

HOW'S THIS FOR A ONCE OVER?

WELL, LOOKS CAN BE DECEIVING! MAYBE I SHOULD GIVE THIS POND THE ONCE OVER!

AHEM...

OOOOMPF!

SWOT!

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PART II

SO...YOU'RE LOOKIN' FOR A BRAWL, EH?

FLIP!

I'D LOVE TO, BUT FIRST, I'M REQUIRED TO READ THIS...

"I, PRINCESS SALLY--BLA-BLA-BLA-" LEGAL DEPARTMENT REQUIRES--YAK-YAK-" OFFER YOU NON-VIOLENT DISCUSSION --ON AND ON..."

snarl...

HERE'S WHAT YOU CAN DO WITH YOUR LEGAL DEPARTMENT!

WHOP!

OKAY, REDBONE... YOU ASKED FOR IT!...

C'MON, LITTLE BOY BLUE... I'M STANDING HERE!

NOT FOR LONG...

?

YMMMM

THIS IS MY FIGURE EIGHT MOVE!* HOW DO YOU LIKE IT?

WHOOSH!

ZOK!

OWW!... I 8 IT!

WOO-HA! HE'S STILL MOVING!

I'LL CIRCLE THIS TREE AND WHACK HIM AGAIN!

*WHICH SONIC FIRST USED IN ISSUE #25 TO DEFEAT MECHA-SONIC -- *Mecha* EDITOR

I SEE THE *ROUTE* YOU'RE TAKING, HOG...

...BUT THIS *ROOT* CREATES A ROADBLOCK!

THE TREE-- MOVING SIDEWAYS-- **OWF!**

SKKKUNK!

THOK!

STUCK IN THE TREE? I ALWAYS SAID YOU WERE A LITTLE *SAP!*

MMMMF! AW, PUT A SOCK IN IT, KNUCKLES!

YOU PUT A SOCK IN IT! I VISIT A PUBLIC PLACE AND YOU AMBUSH ME!

NNNGH!

BY YANKING THE TREE BY THE ROOTS, HE LOOSENED IT...

TIMBER!

WHUMP!

AGH!!

HOLD IT RIGHT THERE --BOTH OF YOU!

SALLY?

:gasp: PRINCESS SALLY ACORN?

YES, WHEN THE LANDSCAPE STARTS TO SUFFER, I STEP IN! EVERYBODY CALM DOWN!

YEAH, WELL YOU SAW HIM--

HE BLIND-SIDED ME!

SNEAK!

CHEAT!

PUNK!

DORK!

ALL RIGHT, ALREADY--Shhh! MY PORTABLE COMPUTER *NICOLE* IS DETECTING SOME SERIOUS RADIATION!

IT'S COMING FROM THE HOLE IN THE GROUND WHERE THE TREE WAS!

HMM...

?

DON'T BE SHY, BOYS!

TAKE A LOOK DOWN HERE!

grumble...

:snort:

SONIC & KNUCKLES... in CRASH OF THE TITANS

PART III

CHECK IT OUT... IT'S A GATEWAY TO AN UNKNOWN ZONE!*

MAJOR!

LOOK AT IT... SWIMMING WITH *MAGIC RINGS* AND *CHAOS EMERALDS!*

*THE SAME TYPE OF ACTION ZONES FOUND IN ALL SONIC GAMES--EDITOR

KNUCKLES-- WAIT!

SORRY, SALLY-- I'M GOING FOR IT!

HEY! YOU ROTTEN--

:groan: GO AFTER HIM, SONIC! :sigh: HE HASN'T CHANGED SINCE WE USED TO SPEND SUMMERS TOGETHER!

YES MA'AM YOUR MAJES--

HUH?

PARDON ME... DID YOU JUST SAY SOMETHING ABOUT SPENDING TIME WITH KNUCKLES?

HMM?

SONIC, I REALLY DON'T THINK THAT'S YOUR CONCERN!

WELL, I JUST-- ahem! I MEAN... Y'KNOW-- :ulp: YOU AND ME...

GET ON HIS TRAIL, MISTER! THAT'S AN ORDER!

:chuckle: HE CARES!

oop! YES'M!

:chuckle: SHE CARES!

GIVE IT UP, KNUCKLEBRAIN! YOU GOT A HEAD START, BUT I'M FASTER THAN YOU!

BLOW IT OUT YOUR SNEAKERS, YOU BLUE BOZO!!! I'M PICKING THIS JOINT CLEAN!

THAT ECHIDNA IS PERSISTENT! LOOKS LIKE I'VE GOTTA USE EXTREME MEASURES!

COME TO POPPA!

IT'S THE ONLY WAY...

GERONIMO!

AS KNUX SAID, THIS ZONE'S RICH IN RINGS AND EMERALDS...

...BY JUICIN' TO TOP SPEED AND RUNNING OVER HIM, I'LL HIT THE MAGIC NUMBERS--

VA VA VR D-BUMP!

WHOOAF!

...AND THOSE NUMBERS ARE: *FIFTY MAGIC RINGS*-- AND-- *SEVEN CHAOS EMERALDS*...

:grumble:

...CHANGING ME INTO...

SUPER SONIC!™

gulp!

CRACKLE

*IT HAPPENED ONCE BEFORE...IN STH #4 - EDITOR

SEVEN AND FIFTY, EH? OKAY-- I GOT ENOUGH EMERALDS... I'M FOUR RINGS SHORT!

OKAY, LITTLE GUY, THE GIG'S UP!

YOUR UNCONDITIONAL SURRENDER WILL BE--

HEY!

MAKE THAT--

THREE...

TWO...

ONE...

BINGO!

STEP ASIDE, SUCKER! MAKE WAY FOR--

ZZZRRR

SO I'M GONNA SUPERSHUT YOU UP, ONCE AND FOR ALL!

FWHAM!

GNYAAA...

NOT BAD, *HYPER KNUCKLES!* YOUR STRENGTH HAS INCREASED A THOUSANDFOLD--

WHAPITA-

WHAPITA-

WHAPITA-

WHAPITA

POP!

POP!

POP!

BIF!

BAM!

ZOOM...

-- BUT THAT MEANS *SUPER SONIC* IS A THOUSAND TIMES FASTER THAN BEFORE-- PERHAPS YOU'VE NOTICED ?!

Slice!

BAH! I'M GONNA CUT A PIECE OUT OF THE ZONE ITSELF!

HA! FOR WHAT?

ALL THE BETTER TO SMACK YOU WITH, SUPER SONIC!

SSSSSSWOT!

...schlik...

mff!

YOU CAN'T POSSIBLY RECOVER SO QUICKLY!

DOOF! AS SUPER SONIC, I AM PRACTICALLY *INVULNERABLE!*

HOW ABOUT YOU, *LITTLE MAN?* CAN YOU TAKE AS GOOD AS YOU GIVE?

BETTER, CHUMP!

WELL, BRING IT ON!

GIMME YOUR BEST SHOT, HYPER KNUCKLES!

YOU GOT IT, SUPER SONIC!

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PART IV

2 PAGE PINUP!

BAH! IS THAT ALL YOU'VE GOT? GET AWAY FROM ME WITH THAT *SUPER SPIN DASH!*

SHRING!

YOU CAN'T STOP ME THAT EASILY!

WZZZZ...

YOU'RE COMING IN COUNTER-CLOCK-WISE... THAT'S UNWISE!

ZWWW..

AAGH! HE REVERSED ME!

ZANG!

BUT I CAN USE THE BACKWARD MOMENTUM TO ACHIEVE A SUPER FIGURE EIGHT!

WHURG!

BUKA!

WOWM...

AND I CAN USE MY WHIRLING FISTS LIKE WHEELS... AND MY FEET LIKE *FEET!*

KLOP!

WFFF!

THAT DID IT! I'M OVER THE EDGE!!!

I'M ALREADY THERE! LET'S RUMBLE!

THE TWO COMBATANTS HURTLE TOWARD EACH OTHER AT INCALCULABLE SPEED...

UNIMAGINABLE RAW ENERGY ERUPTS, LITERALLY BENDING TIME AND SPACE!

THE WALLS CONTAINING THE ZONE'S REALITY BEGIN WARPING WILDLY!

THE ZONE CAN NO LONGER CONTAIN ITSELF--IT SWELLS--IT CRACKS...

IT EXPLODES!

NEARBY...

MY LORD OF LARD... IT IS AN EARTHQUAKE!

NO, IT'S SOMETHING QUITE DIFFERENT... OBSERVE!

ENERGY OUTPUT READINGS ARE OFF THE SCALE! DISPERSION OF CONTENTS IRRETRIEVABLE!

THIS IS TERRIBLE!

YOU MEAN BECAUSE OF THE POTENTIAL LOSS OF MAGIC RINGS AND CHAOS EMERALDS?

NO, I MEAN BECAUSE THIS IS A 48-PAGE SPECIAL, AND ALL I GET IS A ONE-PAGE CAMEO! SOMEONE IS GOING TO PAY DEARLY FOR THIS!

CRUNKLE!

GET MY AGENT ON THE PHONE!

NOT FAR AWAY...

WOO-HA! ANYBODY GET THE NUMBER ON THAT COSMIC BUS?

EASY, SONIC...

I DON'T FEEL NORMAL... AND WHERE'S "HERE?"

RIGHT NEXT TO THE *LAKE OF RINGS*...

HUH?.. WHO-- SALLY! WHAT'RE YOU DOING IN THE ZONE?

THANKS TO YOU, THAT ZONE'S BEEN OBLITERATED!

THERE'S NO TRACE OF IT--

--NO EMERALDS--

--NO RINGS--

NOTHING! ZERO! NADA! ZIP!

YOU WERE BLOWN FREE AND LANDED HERE... BACK TO *NORMAL*!

...WHERE *SOME* PEOPLE THINK OUR MONITOR ISN'T WORKING!

THAT'S A GREAT CAMOUFLAGE JOB!

wink!

SO YOU SAW WHAT HAPPENED?

YES--FROM KNOTHOLE CONTROL!

AFTER YOU GUYS ENTERED THE ZONE, I REJOINED TAILS WHO WAS MONITORING YOUR PROGRESS! SUDDENLY, WE SAW IT BLOWN TO BITS!

"WE WATCHED AS THE VERY FABRIC OF REALITY TORE APART, EJECTING YOU TWO MANIACS!

"*YOU* LANDED RIGHT NEXT TO THE LAKE WHERE IT ALL STARTED! I GOT ON MY SKY-CYCLE AND FLEW HERE A.S.A.P.!

I APPRECIATE THAT, SALLY! SAY-- WHAT ABOUT--

C'MON...BETTER GET BACK BEFORE ROBOTNIK COMES SNOOPING!

OKAY...:ahem: I WAS WONDERING IF YOU--

KNUCKLES WENT FLYING IN ANOTHER DIRECTION, OKAY? NEVER MIND OUR PAST!* JUST *DROP IT!*

OH YEAH... HIM! NO, I WAS WONDERING IF WE HAD ANY CHILI DOGS?

OH... SORRY...

*I'LL BET *YOU* WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THIS TANTALIZING TIDBIT! WRITE "SONIC-GRAMS". ED.

THE END?
ALMOST...

SOME TIME LATER...

WELL, WELL... LOOK WHO'S HOME!

WHAT'S NEW, MIGHTY?

YOU ARE, RAD RED! HYPER-KNUCKLES' BATTLE WITH SUPER SONIC IS THE TALK OF THE ISLAND!

OH REALLY?

YEAH! THEY SAY YOU TORE EACH OTHER UP! THEY SAY THE ZONE COLLAPSED, TAKING ALL THE RINGS AND EMERALDS WITH IT!

IS THAT WHAT "THEY" SAY?

WELL I SAY SOMETHING DIFFERENT...

...LIKE "*MISSION ACCOMPLISHED!*"

FULL SPEED AHEAD, KNUX-- YOU'VE GOT THE *GREEN LIGHT!*

BUT WILL THE ECHIDNA'S QUEST FOR KNOWLEDGE END THERE? OR MIGHT THIS BE A PRELUDE TO ANOTHER MIND-BOGGLING ADVENTURE? STAY TUNED...

SONIC'S FRIENDLY NEMESIS

KNUCKLES™

FATHERS & SONS

...AND SOME DAY SOON, MY SON, IT'LL FALL ONTO *YOUR* SHOULDERS--

--THE *MANTLE* OF *GUARDIAN OF THE FLOATING ISLAND*--

--AND YOU *ALONE* WILL BE *RESPONSIBLE* FOR *ALL* THAT LIES AROUND YOU!

WOW!

SCRIPT: MIKE KANTEROVICH & KEN PENDERS
PENCILS: KEN PENDERS
INKS: HARVO

YES, IT IS AN *AWESOME* TASK-- HANDED DOWN THROUGH THE *GENERATIONS* FROM OUR *ANCESTORS!*

NOW, FOLLOW ME--

--FOR *THIS* IS WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT!

A *SECRET PASSAGE?*

TO *WHERE,* FATHER?

TO ZOOT CHUTE

WHERE *FEW* HAVE GONE BEFORE, KNUCKLES!

OW!

I CAN SEE *WHY!* THAT'S *ROUGH,* ON THE OL' *TUCKUS!*

BUT NOW THAT WE'RE HERE, FATHER--

--JUST WHERE IS *HERE?* AND *WHAT*-- IS *THAT?!*

THAT, MY DEAR SON-- IS YOUR *LEGACY!*

BEHOLD THE *CHAOS EMERALD*-- WITH *POWER* TO KEEP OUR *ENTIRE* ISLAND *ALOFT* OVER THE SURFACE OF *MOBIUS* BELOW!

IS THAT *ALL* IT DOES?

NO! THERE IS MORE-- *MUCH* MORE-- TO THE STORY--

-- BUT THERE IS *ONLY* SO MUCH YOU CAN *LEARN* AT ANY GIVEN TIME!

FOR NOW, LET'S JUST SAY YOU'VE BEEN GIVEN THE *BASICS*--

--FOR ONLY WHEN YOU HAVE *ALL* THE PIECES WILL YOU BE *ABLE* TO UNDERSTAND!

"--BE *ABLE* TO UNDERSTAND!"

INTERESTING!

NOW THAT I THINK OF IT, *ARCHIMEDES* DID SOUND A LOT *LIKE* MY *DAD!*

TO BE MORE *SPECIFIC*--THE *WORDS* SOUNDED LIKE *DAD*, BUT THE *SOUND* OF *ARCHIMEDES' VOICE* SOUNDED--

--WELL, *DIFFERENT!*

COULD THAT *MEAN* THAT--

NAH, IT *COULDN'T* BE--

THERE'S *NO WAY* DAD COULD'VE--

BESIDES, THIS *ISN'T* HELPING ME FIND THE *CHAOTIX!**

BLUNDERING AROUND, HOWEVER, ISN'T GONNA DO A FAT LOT OF GOOD EITHER!

DAD WOULD *EXPECT* ME TO USE MY HEAD AND *THINK*--

--*STUDY* THE PROBLEM BEFORE YOU--

*THEY WERE KIDNAPPED IN KNUCKLES' CHAOTIX SPECIAL #1--EDITOR

-- AND DETERMINE THE *BEST* WAY TO RESOLVE THE SITUATION!

IN THIS CASE, WE HAVE A *MYSTERIOUS GLOBULAR OBJECT* FLYING AROUND!

WE *HAVEN'T* ANY CLUE TO ITS *ORIGINS* OR *INTENTIONS!*

SO, MY DEAR KNUCKLES, WHAT WOULD *YOU* SAY IS OUR *FIRST* COURSE OF *ACTION?*

HMMM...

I WOULD...

I GUESS I WOULD *WATCH* AND *WAIT* TO SEE WHAT *IT* DOES *FIRST!*

VERY *GOOD*, LAD!

THEN WHAT?

I-- I *DON'T* KNOW! I *GUESS* IT DEPENDS!

ON WHAT?

OH, LIKE MAYBE HAVING TO *DEAL* WITH IT UP *CLOSE* AND *PERSONAL*--

IN EFFECT, *FORCING* YOU TO MAKE A *DECISION!* IS THAT *CORRECT?*

YES, SIR!

AND WHAT HAVE YOU *DECIDED*?

I'M *NOT* GONNA TAKE *ANY* CHANCES!

I'M GOING TO--

SMASH!

:CHOKE-- KOFF-KOFF:

YOU'VE *FORGOTTEN* ONE OF THE MOST *IMPORTANT* LESSONS I'VE TAUGHT YOU--

"--KNOW YOUR *ENEMY!*"

I MUST *ADMIT*, MY FATHER *ALWAYS* WOULD *SHOW* ME THE WAY--

--IF ONLY I WOULD PAY *ATTENTION!*

STILL, EVEN DAD *COULDN'T* PREPARE FOR *EVERYTHING!*

AND NO MATTER HOW HARD I TRY--

--I'LL *NEVER* FORGET WHAT HAPPENED WHEN WE CAME TO--

--*THE FORBIDDEN ZONE*, MY SON!

WHY ARE WE *HERE*, FATHER?

THERE IS A TASK I *MUST* PERFORM, KNUCKLES!

YOU ARE *NOT* TO COME *AFTER* ME SHOULD *ANYTHING* HAPPEN--

--FOR *ONLY* YOU CAN CARRY ON AS *GUARDIAN!*

THAT IS YOUR *RESPONSIBILITY!*

AS FOR ME--

I ANSWER TO THE CALLING OF OUR *FOREBEARS!*

"NO MATTER HOW MUCH I MAY HAVE *WANTED* TO--

"-- EVEN WHEN I *WITNESSED* MY FATHER *LEAPING* INTO THAT WALL OF ENERGY--

"-- AND *VANISHING* BEFORE MY EYES--"

FATHER!

--I *STAYED* MY GROUND AND *HONORED* MY FATHER'S *WISHES!*

IT WAS THE *HARDEST* THING I'D EVER DONE--

BUT IF MY DAD *COULD* MAKE SACRIFICES *TIME AFTER TIME*--

--THEN HOW COULD I *NOT* DO LIKEWISE?

IT *WASN'T* ANY PICNIC FOR AWHILE AFTER THAT!

I'D KEEP FINDING *NEW* WAYS TO *MESS* UP!

LIKE, ALLOWING *ROBOTNIK* TO MAKE A *DUPE* OUTTA ME!*

*REFER TO THE CLASSIC "*THIS ISLAND HEDGEHOG*" IN *SONIC #13* - EDITOR

THINGS GOT *SO* BAD I HAD TO *DEPEND* ON THAT STUPID *HEDGEHOG* TO SAVE MY *TAIL!*

SLAM!

WHAM!

AND WHEN HE SUGGESTED I FORM THE *CHAOTIX* INTO A TEAM...*

*CHECK OUT "*THE CHAOS EFFECT*" IN *KNUCKLES' CHAOTIX SPECIAL #1* - EDITOR

...I LET MY *PRIDE* GET IN THE WAY AND *SUGGESTED* OTHERWISE!

I *DIDN'T* WANT TO *ADMIT* IT WAS *TIME* TO *GROW* UP--

-- THAT NO MATTER WHAT I DID, I *COULDN'T* ESCAPE THE RESPONSIBILITIES THAT HAD BEEN HANDED DOWN TO ME!

MY DAD DID HIS *BEST* TO TEACH ME --

--BUT EVEN HE *ACKNOWLEDGED* THAT HE COULDN'T TEACH ME *EVERYTHING*--

--THAT SOME OF MY ANSWERS LAY *ELSEWHERE* --

--AND IT'S MORE THAN *LIKELY* THIS *ARCHIMEDES* HAS A FEW OF THOSE *ANSWERS!*

AND IF SO, I'LL *GET* THEM!

FOR YOU, DAD--

--AS WELL AS FOR THE CHAOTIX!

YOU'LL LEARN THE ANSWERS, DEAR READER, AS *KNUCKLES'* STORY CONTINUES IN THE PAGES OF SONIC ARCHIVES!

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RECAP Trading Cards*

THIS IS POINTLESS-- THE PLAN HAS BEEN REJECTED BY UNANIMOUS...

OKAY, OKAY! I CAN TAKE A HINT!

SALLY

Sonic's request to allow himself to be roboticized is rejected by the Knothole Council.

FOOLISH FREEDOM FIGHTER! DID YOU REALLY THINK YOUR PRIMITIVE PRISON COULD HOLD NACK THE WEASEL FOR LONG?

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG

Sonic is ambushed by escaped convict, Nack the Weasel, and taken to Robotropolis.

Mecha-Sonic battles Bunnie Rabbot on his way to destroy Knothole Village!

NOW GO, MY ULTIMATE WEAPON OF DESTRUCTION. LEAVE NOT A SCORCHED STONE STANDING!

Robotnik finally creates the "real" Mecha-Sonic.

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG

Knuckles arrives — loses his fight with Mecha-Sonic.

THIS IS AWFUL! KNUX AND BUNNIE ARE DOWN AND OUT!

MECHA-SONIC IS POISED TO DESTROY KNOTHOLE VILLAGE—WE'RE AT HIS MERCY!

SURPRISE, SO... YOUR FELLOW FREEDOM FIGHTERS ASKED ME TO DELIVER THIS TO YOU--

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG

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Is this the end of the Freedom Fighters?

*Describing events in Sonic #39

SONIC™ THE HEDGEHOG

IS ABOUT TO TRASH KNOTHOLE!

MECHA MADNESS

PART 1

YOU HAVE YOUR ORDERS, MISTER!

EULP! Y-YES, YOUR M-MAJESTY! CATCH, 'TWAN!

ALORS! SHE EES SERIOUS!

SHE'S THE PRINCESS!

YOU BET I AM-- NOW MOVE OUT! ANTOINE, STAND BY WITH KNUCKLES!

NICOLE! I WANT A FULL SWEEP OF THE VILLAGE!

WORKING...

TACTICAL SURVEY ASSESSMENT ANALYSIS CHECK... MSDM 5415141F 6121450 DATA CHECK

CIRCULAR ZOOM IN SCANNING AREA FINAL DATA...

AS YOU COMMANDED, KNOTHOLE HAS BEEN EVACUATED!*

MECHA-SONIC IS INFLICTING HEAVY DAMAGE, BUT IT'S ALL STRUCTURAL.

SKRA-TOOM

*SALLY GAVE TAILS THE CODED ORDER IN SONIC #39 --EDITOR

I CAN'T BELIEVE HE DISOBEYED A DIRECT ORDER! SONIC'S BEHAVIOR BORDERS ON MUTINY!

I WEEL BE HAPPY TO FORM A SUB-COMMITTEE AND START AN INVESTIGATION!

DELAY THAT, BUSTER! I'M GIVING THE ORDERS HERE! ROTOR, BRING ME THE 'BOTMAKER!

:Shudder:

YES'M!

GIMME THE SKINNY--IS THIS THING READY TO GO?

AS YOU KNOW, WE ACQUIRED THIS "PORT-O-BOT" FROM ROBOTNIK AFTER OUR FIRST *BUNNIE RABBOT* ENCOUNTER...

ALTHOUGH IT WAS DAMAGED, I'VE BEEN REPAIRING IT AS YOU ORDERED,,, I THINK IT'S OPERATIONAL!

YOU *THEENK*? 'AVE THEES THING BEEN TESTED?

I KNOW THE ANSWER TO THAT QUESTION,,, "NO"! BUT IT'S ABOUT TO BE!

S-SUH-SALLY,,, IF I MAY S-SPEAK FREELY,,,

IF WE DO THIS, HAVEN'T WE SUNK TO ROBOTNIK'S LEVEL?

ARE WE NO BETTER THAN HIM?

ET TU, ROTOR?

LISTEN, YOU GUYS,,, WE'VE GOT TO FIGHT FIRE WITH FIRE!

HUMMM,,,?

WE MUST USE EVERY WEAPON AT OUR DISPOSAL TO ENSURE SURVIVAL! PLANET MOBIUS IS AT STAKE-- LET FREEDOM RING!!

Eh?

WUH- WE-WHA-- HUH?

MUH-MECHA-SONIC! =KOFF= MUH-MUST DESTROY!

WHOUF!

KNUCKLES --NO!

KYOK

HE'S DELIRIOUS!

:GURGLE: INCOMING FAT FIGURE... ROBOTNIK!

KNUCKLES...

MUH-MUST PROTECT- -

URRRGH!

WHOOOMF

THAT'S ENOUGH! I NEED ALL THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS I CAN GET AT THIS POINT!

AAARRR!

THRACK

I'VE ONLY KNOWN ONE PERSON WHO COULD TAKE ME DOWN WITH A FLIP BACK KICK...

PRINCESS SALLY ACORN!

HELLO, KNUX...

...IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME...

CRACK

CRICK

YEAH... REMEMBER WHEN YOUR DAD, KING ACORN, WOULD VACATION ON THE FLOATING ISLAND? MY FATHER WAS THE GUARDIAN BACK THEN!

:SIGH: THOSE WERE SIMPLER TIMES... SUMMER NIGHTS ON THE BEACH... NO ROBOTNIK...

Oh, MAH! AH SMELL GOSSIP... JUST WHAT AH NEED TO REVIVE!

ROBOTNIK! ENOUGH REMINISCING! WE'VE GOT WORK TO DO!

Oh, YEAH... Err... RIGHT!

MECHA-SONIC IS STILL ON THE LOOSE! I GOT AN OLD ROBOTICIZER AND NEURO-OVERRIDER STANDING BY, KNUCKLES--

WELL, WHAT ARE WE WAITING FOR?

WAIT! LET ME EXPLAIN THE RISKS!

LET ME EXPLAIN THE CRAMP IT PUTS ON YOAH SOCIAL LIFE!

EXPLAIN IT AFTER YOU'VE TURNED ME INTO *MECHA-KNUCKLES!*

KTUNK!

EET 'AS BEGUN! I WEEP FOR US!

♪ SWING LOW ♪ SWEET CHAH-RE-UH-UHT! ♪

SONIC™ THE HEDGEHOG IS OBLITERATING KNOTHOLE VILLAGE!

MECHA MADNESS PART 11

SMASH

IT'S A GOOD THING I HAD THE PLACE EVACUATED! THERE'S NO ONE HERE ...EXCEPT...

UH-OH!

ME!

WHOOP... I'VE BEEN SPOTTED!

FREEDOM FIGHTER CODENAME: TAILS!

ELIMINATE!

YIPE! I'M OUTTA HERE!

VROOOSH!

RAPID AERIAL ACCELERATION-- TARGET STILL WITHIN RANGE.

CH-KAM!

CO-ORDINATES FED TO WEAPON SYSTEM...

I... M-MUST...

C-CANNOT...

M-MUST--

MECHA-SONIC!

YES, LORD ROBOTNIK?

DID I DETECT SOME HESITATION? YOUR ORDERS ARE TO WIPE OUT ALL YOUR FORMER ALLIES!

YES, YOU MECHA-MORON! YOU ARE MY SLAVE! DO AS I SAY IMMEDIATELY!

...Y-YES... OF COURSE!

SORRY, MASTER--

THE NUMBERS ARE...

Oh, NEVER MIND... I'LL DO IT MYSELF! GIVE ME YOUR CO-ORDINATES-- I'VE GOT A STOCKPILE OF NUCLEAR BOMBS I'M DYING TO USE!

S-SUH-SEND YOU THE LOCA-TION--

--OF KNOTHOLE?

ONE MOMENT-- I HAVE TO PUT YOUR CALL ON "HOLD"!

SPLANG

GROWWGH!

MECHA-KNUCKLES IS IN CHARGE NOW... AND THE FIRST THING I'M GONNA DO IS SEVER YOUR COMMUNICATIONS WITH OLD BLUBBERBOLTS!

KSH

HOW DAIRE YGZZZ-!--*

OBVIOUSLY, YOU HAVE RETAINED YOUR NORMAL ECHIDNA PERSONALITY--

CLICK!

GRACIOUS!

THAT FLAW SHALL BE YOUR UNDOING!

MON DIEU!

IT'S THE BATTLE OF THE *SEGA-CENTURY!*

WHO WILL PREVAIL?

GNYAAA!

ZROK

THEY'RE VERY EVENLY MATCHED! THE ONLY THING IN OUR FAVOR IS THAT *MECHA-KNUCKLES* HAS FRESH LEGS!

IN YOUR FACE!

RIGHT! MECHA-SONIC HAS ALREADY BATTLED BUNNIE AND KNUCKLES IN HIS NORMAL FORM...

AWP!

LOOKY YONDER... TAILS IS COMIN' IN LOW!

PLUS YOU LET THE ECHIDNA KEEP HIS FREE WILL...

I'LL END THIS QUICKLY--BY LETTING YOU HAVE IT WITH BOTH BARRELS!

BRING IT ON! MY MAGNETIC KNUCKLAWS WILL DISPERSE YOUR BLAST AND DRAIN YOUR BATTERIES!

:BRRZZT:
MINIMAL ENERGY--
METAL FATIGUE--
:VRAP!:

TELL IT TO SOMEONE WHO GIVES A FIG!

GRAB!

CLIK

MEANWHILE, ENJOY THE SPIN CYCLE!

WHIRL

WHIRL

WHIRL

ADMIT IT, HEDGEHOG-- YOUR LIFE'S IN A RUT!

MECHA-SONIC GOT TRENCHED!

GRRRBLBLG!

FIRE IN ZEE HOLE!

TO PARAPHRASE HENDRIX: "'SCUSE ME WHILE I 'DIS' THIS GUY"!

INCOMING SPEED SQUARED DIVIDED BY ATMOSPHERIC PRESSURE--ADD IMPACT ANGLE PLUS ACCELERATION--

COMPUTED...

...EXECUTE!

TO PUT IT IN LAYMAN'S TERMS YOU CAN UNDERSTAND, MECHA-KNUCKLES: "THIS WALLOP WILL SEND YOU DIRECTLY INTO THE HEART OF ROBOTROPOLIS"!

EEEEYOW!

ZAM

SAY "HELLO" TO THE NUCLEAR WARHEADS FOR ME!

HE'S RIGHT...I'M GONNA HIT THE CITY AT SUBSONIC SPEED... NO WAY TO STOP!

YOUR DESTRUCTION IS ASSURED!

BUT I DON'T LIKE TO TRAVEL ALONE, MECHA-SONIC! BY INVERTING THE POLARITY IN MY CLAWS, I CREATE A MASSIVE MAGNETIC FIELD!

ONE YOU'LL FIND IMPOSSIBLE TO RESIST!

UHHH! I'M BEING MAGNETIZED!

IF I'M GOING DOWN, YOU'RE COMING WITH ME!

NO! RELEASE ME, YOU FOOL--

KRAK

WAH WAH

SONIC™

THE HEDGEHOG...

MECHA MADNESS PART III

...COULDN'T HAVE SURVIVED THAT BLAST... EVEN IN HIS MECHANIZED FORM!

I DOUBT M'SIEU ECHIDNA COULD HAVE, EITHER...

INDEED... THE ODDS ARE AGAINST IT.

THEN SONIC... ;SOB;...AND KNUCKLES ...;HUCK;

;CHOKE; EXCUSE MÉ A MOMENT... I... ;Sniffle; I'VE GOT FALLOUT IN MY EYE...

GOSH! IT'S NOT ALWAYS EASY AT THE TOP...

OUI... UNEASY 'ANGS ZEE CROWN!

I'D BE UNEASY IF I WERE AT GROUND ZERO!

AT THAT MOMENT, GROUND ZERO SMOULDERS... A MASSIVE CRATER IN THE MIDSECTION OF ROBOTROPOLIS SIZZLES WITH RADIATION.

SWATBOTS WERE VAPORIZED. FACTORIES AND TOXIC TRASH REDUCED TO MOLTEN SLAG. THE AIR IS FILLED WITH POISONS.

THE EERIE SILENCE IS SUDDENLY BROKEN.

FFD

CREEEEEAK

K-K-K-RUMF

GADZOOKS! THAT'S THE BIGGEST BACKFIRE OF MY ILLUSTRIOUS CAREER!

LUCKY I SAW THE INCOMING COMBATANTS AND RETREATED TO MY SHELTER!

MYMYMY! THOSE TWO DID *MAJOR* DAMAGE! IT'LL TAKE LOTS OF REBUILDING TO-- WHAT'S *THIS*?

SOMETHING MOVING IN THE RUBBLE!

COULD IT BE? DID MECHA-SONIC SURVIVE THE IMPACT?

YES! HE'S BADLY DAMAGED, BUT REPAIRABLE!

VZZZKT!

:*chuckle*: CAN I BUILD A 'BOT OR WHAT?!

AWKK...

GUESS WHAT?

TAP TAP

WHOOOG!

BONG

I SURVIVED THE BATTLE, TOO! THEN IT OCCURRED TO ME--OUR FIGHT SCENE DIDN'T HAVE THE REQUIRED HEAD-BUTT!

=GURGLE= B-BUT HOW'D YOU COME THROUGH THE BLAST WITH LESS DAMAGE?

LET'S JUST SAY YOU DON'T BUILD EM LIKE YOU USED TO, TUBBY...

BLURG...

I WAS ROBOTICIZED BY ONE OF YOUR OLD UNITS... BUILT BEFORE YOU STARTED USING INFERIOR FOREIGN PARTS... NOT ONLY THAT, BUT MECHA-SONIC UNSELFISHLY TURNED HIMSELF IN FRONT OF ME AS WE HIT, TAKING THE FULL BRUNT!

SO MUCH FOR YOUR "BRAIN-BURN-THROUGH" SYSTEM! SOMEHOW, SONIC RETAINED A BIT OF HIMSELF!

LIGHTS OUT, FATTY!

=BZZT= I WISH I WAS AS CONFIDENT AS I'M TRYING TO SOUND... THE NUCLEAR FIRESTORM WAS NO PICNIC FOR ME, EITHER! =KZZRPT= BUT MECHA-SONIC IS CRITICAL!

MALFUNC=ZRP=TION...

HOLY ABALONE! IT'S *THEM*! CALL SALLY!

PRINCESS, COME BACK--LOOK!

SONIC™

MECHA MADNESS

PART IV

THE HEDGEHOG...

...IS ALIVE? OR AT LEAST MECHA-SONIC IS? Oh, KNUCKLES, YOU DID IT!

MAYBE, SAL OLD GAL... YOUR BOYFRIEND'S IN BAD SHAPE!

I'LL SAY!

HMF!

BZZZZZZT! CLICK.

PSSH

C'MERE, YOU GREAT BIG HUNK OF ECHIDNA...

CLIK

OOF! EASY KID... I'M DAMAGED GOODS, TOO!

CONFIRMED... MECHA-KNUCKLES' TOLERANCE LEVELS BEYOND MAXIMUM. DANGER OF BURNOUT.

WOO-HA! I'M HEARING VOICES...

THAT'S MY COMPUTER, NICOLE ...AND SHE'S RIGHT ABOUT YOU!

TAILS! ESCORT MECHA-KNUCKLES TO THE PORT-O-BOT AND SET IT TO DEROBOTICIZATION!

AND WHAT OF SONIC?

RIGHT... C'MON, RED!

YOU KNOW HOW THAT OLD ROBOTICIZER WORKS... ITS BUILT-IN REVERSAL SYSTEM CAN ONLY DE-BOT THE SAME CREATURE IT MECHANIZED!

YES... BUT THE REAL SONIC'S IN HERE... I CAN FEEL IT!

BZZT-- GRRGL--:-: N-NOO-

=VWHEEp= I DO NOT DE=HMM=DESERVE TO LIVE.. =CRACKLE= I BETRAYED MY FRIENDS AND =DzZT= LOVED ONES..

=Gulp= SONIC! YOU ARE IN THERE!

CODE NAME

HERE, ROTOR--TAKE NICOLE AND FIGURE OUT A WAY TO SAVE SONIC! THAT'S WHY YOU GET SCIENCE OFFICER PAY!

I'LL BE OVER HERE!

ALMOST READY, SALLY!

IT'S YOU AND ME, BIG BOY!

Oh, MY ACHIN' EVERYTHING!

SYSTEM REVERSED!

SEE YOU ON THE FLIP SIDE, MUSTANG SALLY!

I SALUTE YOU, KNUCKLES!

MAH OH MAH! I NEVER SAW HER DO THAT!

ETSK! ZEE TABLOIDS WILL HAVE A FIELD DAY!

IF ALL GOES WELL, HE'LL BE OUT IN ABOUT THREE MINUTES!

KEEP AN EYE ON HIM, TAILS! I'LL BE OVER BY SONIC AND ROTOR!

GIVE ME YOUR REPORT!

IT'S REMARKABLE, YOUR MAJESTY! NICOLE HAS MADE AN ASTONISHING DISCOVERY INSIDE SONIC!

FLICK!

I'LL LET HER TELL YOU--

THANK YOU, ROTOR... AS WE ALL KNOW, SONIC RECENTLY ACQUIRED HIS ONE BILLIONTH MAGIC RING! IT TOOK HIM ON A SURREAL JOURNEY* WHEN IT BROUGHT HIM BACK TO THIS REALITY, THE RING SURROUNDED HIM WITH A PROTECTIVE MYSTICAL AURA.

YES...

...SO?

*IN THE NOW-CLASSIC SONIC #35.-ED.

UNKNOWN TO US, IT ALSO CREATED AN INTERNAL SHIELD! ALTHOUGH THIS AURA DIDN'T PREVENT MECHANIZATION, IT DID ABSORB AND RETAIN SONIC'S "LIFE FORCE".

ROBOTNIK'S "BRAIN-BURN-THROUGH" DEVICE COULDN'T PENETRATE THE MAGIC FIELD. SONIC'S PERSONALITY STILL RESIDES THERE.

WONDERFUL! LET'S RETRIEVE IT A.S.A.P!

ERR...WELL-- HMM--OVER TO YOU, ROTOR!

OH, THANKS A LOT!

AHEM...SALLY, NORMALLY I'D HOOK UP MECHA-SONIC TO MY LAB FULL OF EQUIPMENT AND TRY TO BRING HIM BACK...BUT IT'S TOAST ALONG WITH THE REST OF KNOTHOLE VILLAGE!

OH, DEAR... MAYBE WE CAN SALVAGE SOME COMPONENTS?

I'M AFRAID HE DOESN'T HAVE THAT MUCH TIME, PRINCESS. =Choke=

=Sniff=

IN =VRAP= DEED... I'M LATE FOR MY =KZZT= EXPIRATION DATE...

YOUR HIGHNESS, I HAVE THE DATA... PLUG ME INTO MECHA-SONIC AND I'LL TRY TO INSTIGATE THE RETRO-PROCEDURE!

CAN SHE DO THAT, ROTOR?

I DOUBT IT, SALLY... THE REQUIRED ENERGY WOULD--

HEY!

OW!

DON'T LISTEN TO HIM, PRINCESS... CATCH ME!

NICOLE?

LOOK--MACHINES ARE ALWAYS GETTING A BAD RAP AROUND HERE... LET ME TRY! IT'S OUR ONLY CHANCE!

Hmm--

VERY WELL, MY LOYAL COMPUTER IT'S UP TO YOU-- GO FOR IT!

KYMMMM

ACKNOWLEDGED!

INTERNAL RING CRUST ACCESSED... SYSTEM LINKAGE ALIGNED... OUTPUT TO MAXIMUM--

ENGAGE!

AT FIRST, NOTHING SEEMED TO BE HAPPENING...

...THEN ALL AT ONCE, RAW MAGIC ENERGY RIPPLES OUTWARD, OVERRIDING REALITY...

...RESTORING THE TRUE SPIRITUAL AND PHYSICAL ESSENCE OF **SONIC THE HEDGEHOG!**

IT WORKED! I CAN'T BELIEVE IT...YOU'RE ALL RIGHT!

I WILL BE AFTER THIS MI-GRAINE HEADACHE LETS UP!

WHOO!

NICE JOB, NICOLE!

WELL, WELL... LOOK WHO'S BACK AND BLUE!

THAT'S RIGHT--IT'S ME, KNUCKLES! GOOD AS NEW! ...OH, DON'T GET UP!

WHAT IS HE DOING HERE?

YOU MEAN YOU DON'T REMEMBER?

Ha! A LIKELY STORY!

WHAT AM I DOING HERE?! ONLY SAVING EVERYBODY FROM YOU, SPINEBRAIN!

YEAH, RIGHT! G'WAN BACK TO YOUR FLOATING ISLAND, ECHIDNERD!

YOU DON'T HAVE TO ASK ME TWICE! I MIGHT'VE KNOWN YOU'D BE UNGRATEFUL!

FORGET IT, SALLY... I'M FLYING HOME! I'LL CALL YOU SOMETIME-- AFTER YOU DUMP "MR. CONGENIALITY" THERE!

BUT--

I WANTED TO--

YOU--

?

ME...

OH, DRAT!

NICE GOING, HOT-HEAD! AFTER KNUX SAVED ALL OUR BUTTS!

WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT? LAST THING I REMEMBER IS BEING ROBOTICIZED...

CHI-CHANK

HANDCUFFS? WHAT'S THIS--SOME KIND OF JOKE?

AU CONTRAIRE, SONIC, YOU'RE UNDAIR ARREST!

'TWAN?

KINGDOM OF ACORN RULEBOOK-- SECTION L, PARAGRAPH 73... NICOLE?

"ANY SUBJECT DISOBEYING A DIRECT ORDER MUST BE TRIED FOR TREASON"!

=Gulp=

AND SONIC DID THAT WHEN HE ALLOWED ROBOTNIK TO MECH-ANIZE HIM!

NO! THAT'S NOT HOW IT HAPPENED!

SAVE IT FOR COURT, SONIC!

=Gasp= SALLY!

I'M AFRAID ANTOINE IS RIGHT... THE LAW IS CLEAR... TAKE THE TRAITOR IN!

THIS CAN'T BE HAPPENING!

YOU'RE ALL NUTS! I'VE BEEN FRAMED!

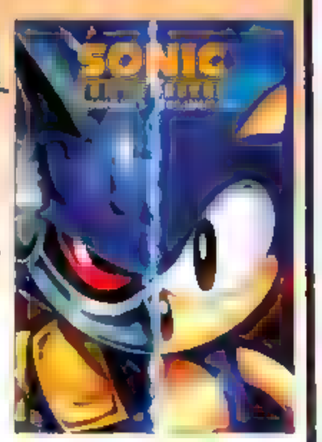
YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN SILENT...

THE END of MECHA-SONIC

BUT, STAY TUNED FOR

THE COURT-MARTIAL OF

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™ IN SONIC ARCHIVES #10



IT'S AMAZING...

FWAP!

IT'S AMAZING THAT WHILE A BATTLE HAS BEEN WON ON PLANET MOBIUS...*

...ANOTHER BATTLE IS BEING LOST ON THE FLOATING ISLAND!

* SEE MAIN STORY-- EDITOR

WE ARE NOT *NATURAL* ENEMIES, SMALL ONE, BUT THE AIR IS THE *DOMAIN* OF *PREDATOR HAWK!*

THUD

THEY CALL THIS BOY *MIGHTY*?! WELL, HE'S PRETTY *WEAK* WHEN IT COMES TO *GUERRILLA WARFARE!*

BRACK!

THE CHAOTIX

DON'T LET THE ISLAND HIT YOU ON THE WAY DOWN!

SGT. SIMIAN TO SQUAD TWO--OUR LANDING HAS SET OFF AN *ALARM*!

PROCEED TO POINT "B" WITH CAUTION!

EEEEEE

...AND AT POINT "B"...

EEEEEEEEEEEEEEE

SOMETHIN'S *NOT* COOL 'CAUSE CHARMY AND MIGHTY ARE GONE TOO LONG!

THIS AIN'T NO *FALSE ALARM*!

I THOUGHT THINGS WOULD BE COOL WHILE KNUCKLES WAS *AWAY*-- BUT IT SEEMS LIKE WE'VE GOT INTRUDERS! RIGHT, ESPIO?

EEEEEEEEEE

Hmm... I GUESS YOU WON'T TALK WHEN YOU'RE IN "SPY MODE"!

THAT WON'T HELP HIM AGAINST *ME!*

WHO NEEDS TO SEE YOU WHEN MY KEEN SENSES CAN LET ME CATCH YOUR *SCENT*--EVEN *HEAR* YOUR HEARTBEAT!

WHA--! NO WAY YOU COULD HAVE *SEEN* ME!

AGHH

ESPIO, *LOOK OUT!*

EEEEEEEEEEEE

EEEEEEEEEE-

TEE HEE BETTER WATCH YOUR OWN TUSHY!

KLOP!

UGH! A DUDE FAST ENOUGH TO TAG ME?!

TEE HEE I HEARD YOU HAVE A "REP" FOR SMOOTH MOVES, BUT YOU'RE NOTHING COMPARED TO FLYING FROG!

CHUNK

YEAH, WELL WHEN YOU'RE TALKIN' FAST MOVES, NOBODY CAN MATCH LIGHTNING LYNX!

AS OUR STRANGE INVADERS CONVENE...

SQUAD TWO TO SARGE... WE GOT THE DROP ON THE CHAMELEON AND THE CROC!

THESE SOLDIERS DIDN'T KNOW BATTLE LESSON ONE--

--ONE OF THE BEST ADVANTAGES IS THE "ELEMENT OF SURPRISE"!

THESE FOUR WERE CERTAINLY NO CHALLENGE!

SUDDENLY...

...WELL, HERE'S LESSON TWO--

--FOUR DIFFERENT ANIMALS LIKE US CAN STILL PLAY POSSUM!

GAKK!

POW

LESSON THREE-- NEVER UNDERESTIMATE AN OPPONENT'S SPEED...

...OR STRENGTH!

BREKK!

SPLAK!

DON'T FORGET LESSON FOUR...

...THE VALUE OF TEAMWORK!

SPLAT!

OOF!

--OR LESSON FIVE--

SPLOW!

--SMALL THINGS CAN PACK A BIG PUNCH!

AGGH!

YEAH!

OK, TALK! WHO'RE YOU AND WHAT DO YOU WANT?!

THE ONLY THING YOU'LL LEARN TODAY ARE OUR NAMES, RANKS AND SERIAL NUMBERS...

...AND THE MOST IMPORTANT LESSON OF ALL...

HUH...?

...ALWAYS EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED!

THWOM

YOU'VE ALREADY MET MY FEARSOME FOURSOME, NOW ALLOW ME TO INTRODUCE MYSELF...

...I AM THE FORMER RULER OF MOBIUS...

...AND ITS *FUTURE* LORD AND MASTER... I AM THE SUPREME BEING KNOWN AS... *MAMMOTH MOGUL*!

"I WAS BORN ON *MOBIUS* EONS AGO... LONG AFTER THE BIRTH OF THE *ANCIENT WALKERS*, BUT CENTURIES *BEFORE* MOST MODERN RACES...

"LIFE THEN WAS FRAUGHT WITH MYSTERY AND DANGER... AND A BOLT OF ENERGY FROM AN UNKNOWN *JEWEL* WHICH SHOULD HAVE CAUSED DEATH...

"...GRANTED ME ALMOST *LIMITLESS POWER* INSTEAD!

"I USED THAT POWER TO BECOME MASTER OF ALL I SURVEYED..."

"...BUT OVER THE MILLENNIA THE RACES EVOLVED, GAINING STRENGTH AND *INDEPENDENCE*... THEY REVOLTED, AND I WAS *DETHRONED*!

"YES, I DID SAY *MILLENNIA*! THAT UNKNOWN JEWEL'S ENERGY HAD GRANTED ME POWER AND *IMMORTALITY*!

100

300

1000

5000

10,000

"AND OVER TIME, I DISCOVERED THAT THE JEWEL WAS THE MOST POTENT FORM OF ENERGY IN THE UNIVERSE. YES... A *CHAOS EMERALD*!"

...AND AS YOU CAN SEE, I HAVE A CERTAIN *AFFINITY* FOR THEM!

NOW, AFTER EONS OF WAITING, MY TIME HAS COME--I WILL INCREASE MY POWER A THOUSAND-FOLD... BY TAKING THE FLOATING ISLAND'S *CHAOS EMERALD*!

THEN I WILL OUST *ROBOTNIK* AND REGAIN MY POSITION AS MOBIUS' RIGHTFUL *RULER*!

Y'KNOW, A BEING OF YOUR WISDOM DESERVES TO BE WORSHIPPED...

...SO LET'S GIVE HIM THE RESPECT HE *DESERVES*!

KAPOW

IT SEEMS I'VE ERRED--THE TIME IS *NOT* RIGHT!

NO MATTER! I HAVE PLENTY OF *TIME* TO PLAN ANEW-- AND WHEN I'M READY, I WILL **RETURN!**

SURE YOU WILL, TOUGH GUY--

--AND *WE'LL* BE WAITING!

THE END

LEAVING THE CHAOTIX TO GUARD THE FLOATING ISLAND...

KNUCKLES VOWS TO FIND THE AILING KING ACORN'S MAGIC SWORD!*

FOLLOWING A VAGUE LEAD FROM THE ANCIENT WALKERS* AND A NEW CLUE FROM HIS ANCESTOR'S BOOK OF MYTHS...

...THE ECHIDNA HAS JOURNEYED TO A REMOTE SECTION OF THE GREAT FOREST.

UNLIKE KNOTHOLE VILLAGE, THE SMALL COTTAGE HE HAS DISCOVERED IS NOT HIDDEN...

...RATHER, IT HAS BEEN FORGOTTEN, UNTOUCHED BY MOBIUS' REVOLUTION...

...THAT IS, UNTIL TODAY!

A DEVIL WATCHER! IT CAN'T BE -- THEY'RE JUST THE STUFF OF FAIRY TALES!

KNUCKLES QUEST 2

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REAL OR NOT, I DON'T PLAN ON BEING THIS GUY'S **LUNCH!**

KRAK

TIMBER!

CRUNCH

GONE?! I'D **LIKE** TO FIND OUT HOW AND WHERE...

POIT

...BUT MY DESTINY AWAITS **INSIDE**! WHAT GIVES? THIS PLACE DIDN'T LOOK SO BIG ON THE **OUTSIDE** AND...

RARAW

BLOOD BEASTS! WHERE'RE ALL THESE **STORYBOOK MONSTERS** COMING FROM?!

WELL, THE STORY GOES, "ATTACK THE **DOMINANT ONE** AND THEY **BOTH** SHALL FALL!" YOU'RE CLOSEST, SO...

TAG! FELIX, YOU'RE IT!

DOING A **FADE-OUT** TOO? GOOD! NOW NOTHING'S IN MY WAY, SO I CAN START SNOOPING!

THEN AGAIN...?! *Hmm...* MAYBE I SHOULD START USING MY **BRAIN** IF I WANT TO SURVIVE! BUT FOR NOW...

HERE'S ONE FOR YOU...

...UH... NICE DRAGON!

...AND ONE FOR **YOU!**

"I'VE GOT TO **THINK HARD**... EXAMINE THE ANCIENT WALKERS' CRYPTIC MESSAGE..."

ON A ONCE **LUSH** WORLD AND ITS HUNK OF **FLOATING STONE**, THERE EXISTS A SORCERER, WIZARD AND ALCHEMIST WHO STAND ALONE...

A **CHARLATAN, ENCHANTRESS** AND **PALADIN** WITH **FAIRNESS** AND COURAGE THOU MUST FACE...

CHARLATAN... FAIRNESS... STORY-BOOK MONSTERS... **THAT'S IT!**

SIR, FORGIVE ME FOR **INVADING** YOUR HOME! I'M REALLY ON A **PEACEFUL MISSION** TO FIND KING ACORN'S SWORD!

LOOKS LIKE USING THE OL' **NOODLE** PAID OFF -- THE MONSTERS -- THE COTTAGE'S **APPEARANCE**... IT'S ALL AN **ILLUSION!**

THE BENEVOLENT ANCIENT WALKERS GRANTED YOU AN **AUDIENCE**, AND IN LIGHT OF THE FACT YOU'VE LEARNED MY **SECRET**, I CAN DO NO LESS!

YOU KINDA GAVE **YOURSELF** AWAY BY ATTACKING WITH CHILDREN'S BOOGEY MONSTERS!

HA! A TRUE **CHARLATAN** USES BOTH HIS POWERS OF **ILLUSION** AND HIS **IMAGINATION** TO PROTECT HIMSELF!

...AND IN MY YOUTH I ALSO USED THEM IN SERVICE OF THE **KING!**

THEN YOU KNOW WHERE THE ROYAL SWORD IS?

The Land of Dark

NO, BUT YOU MAY RECEIVE GUIDANCE FROM SOMEONE IN THE **LAND OF DARK--IF** YOU CAN EVEN LOCATE THIS MYSTERIOUS REALM!

LOCATE?! YOU MEAN YOU DON'T KNOW WHERE IT IS? GREAT! JUST GREAT!

SORRY. I WISH YOU LUCK AND A SAFE JOURNEY.

IF YOU SEE SIRE ACORN AGAIN, TELL HIM **MERLIN PROWER** WISHES HIM WELL!

I'LL SEE HIM AGAIN ALRIGHT-- AND WHEN I DO I'LL HAVE HIS SWORD! **BELIEVE IT!**

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